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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Draft resolution submitted by Ms. Attah, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Despouy, Mr. Eide, Ms. Forero Ucros, Mr. Guissé, Mr. Joinet, Ms. Palley, Mr. Saboia and Mr. Yimer

1992/... Situation of human rights in Haiti

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Reaffirming that all Member States have a duty to promote human rights and to fulfil their obligations under the various applicable instruments,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/77 of 5 March 1992 relating to the situation of human rights in Haiti,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/77 of 6 March 1991 relating to the situation of human rights in Haiti,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 46/7 of 11 October 1991 and 46/138 of 17 December 1991 relating to the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti,

Taking note of resolution MRE/RES.3/92 which the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member countries of the Organization of American States adopted on 17 May 1992,

Deeply concerned about the serious events occurring in Haiti since 29 September 1991, which abruptly and violently interrupted the democratic process in that country, entailing the continued loss of human lives and violations of human rights,

Concerned also at the mass exodus of Haitian nationals fleeing the country,

Taking note of the statement made by Presidential Commission set up by President Aristide to initiate dialogue and negotiations with all national sectors with a view to the restoration of the rule of law and the establishment of a Government of national concord,

Aware that the Sub-Commission must keep a close watch on the situation of human rights in Haiti,

1. Strongly condemns the overthrow of the constitutionally elected President, Mr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the use of violence and the deterioration of the situation of human rights in that country;

2. Expresses its deep concern over the flagrant human rights violations committed by the illegal Governments set up following the coup d'état perpetrated on 29 September 1991;

3. Draws the attention of the international community to the fate of the Haitian nationals who are fleeing the country and requests its support for the efforts undertaken to assist them;

4. Appeals to all the parties concerned by the Haitian crisis to make the efforts at dialogue necessary for the restoration of the lawful Government and the re-establishment of democracy in Haiti;

5. Requests all the competent international agencies, in particular the United Nations and the Organization of American States, to undertake all necessary efforts in order to assist the people of Haiti;

6. Decides to follow closely the development of the situation in Haiti at its forty-fifth session.